

The public is legitimately concerned about the manner in which the people's business is often conducted in Washington. There are far too many occasions of rancorous, personally-directed, highly partisan and self-righteous debate in public chambers. And so, some have categorized the politics of governing as a contact sport; others, as a blood sport. Clearly, it can be a spirited, rough and tumble profession where one's ability to remain calm and thoughtful amidst challenge and criticism is frequently tested. The record should reflect that Bill Clinger always passed this test, keeping intact his integrity and character. His gentle manner, thoughtful ways and congenial disposition gave him enormous credibility and earned him the deep and lasting admiration and respect of his colleagues.

During my twelve years in the House of Representatives, I had many opportunities to work with my friend and neighboring Congressman from northwestern Pennsylvania. I will always be grateful for Bill's counsel and friendship. As America looks for a model of integrity, purposefulness, commitment and energy for its public servants to follow, there could be no better norm or standard than that set by my friend, Bill Clinger.

The Pennsylvania congressional delegation has a long tradition of close, bipartisan cooperation. While we have not always agreed, we have relied on the valuable dialog with our Pennsylvania colleagues and with Pennsylvania Governors of both parties to promote the interests of those citizens whom we are all proud to represent.

With the convening of the 104th Congress, the four committee chairmen from the Pennsylvania delegation built on our long history of open, candid debate. Chairman WALKER and Chairman CLINGER are part of a distinguished tradition of Pennsylvania leadership in the House that goes back to the first Speaker of the House—Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg.

ROBERT S. WALKER was first selected in 1976, and his constituents from the 16th District have sent him back to each succeeding Congress. Some of you may not realize it, but BOB's expertise on the rules and procedures of the House comes not only from his 20 years as a Member. He served for 10 years as a legislative assistant and administrative assistant to Congressman Edwin Duing Eshleman of Lancaster County.

Under BOB's able leadership, the House Committee on Science reported the Space Commercialization Promotion Act of 1996, which will encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States.

BOB WALKER was the original sponsor of the only statutory provision in present law protecting students' rights to voluntary school prayer. I want to commend him on this noble effort in particular because I recognize the challenge it posed and concur with him on the importance of affording our young people their constitutional rights. Well done, BOB, and best wishes.

BILL CLINGER won his first bid for elective office in 1978, and took a seat in the 96th Congress. The people of the Fifth District of Pennsylvania have reelected BILL ever since—twice with no candidate standing in opposition.

As the chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee in the 104th Congress, BILL shepherded key elements of the Contract With America through the Congress and saw them enacted into law. The Line-Item Veto Act of 1996 and the Unfunded Mandates

Reform Act of 1995 both represent BILL's vigilant efforts to promote good government for which I commend him.

The Federal Acquisition Reform Act is another important legislative legacy from Chairman CLINGER. It will allow our Government to cut through needless paperwork and reduce inefficiencies in Federal procurement procedures.

BILL's 17-county congressional district borders may own, and our districts have many similar needs. I have long valued his good counsel and loyal friend. All who know BILL recognize his dignity and integrity.

BILL, BOB, we miss you both. But you leave knowing that this is a better Nation for your service. Thank you and good luck.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH J. RISHEL

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph J. Rishel, whose knowledge of and dedication to fine art has benefitted the citizens of Philadelphia for 25 years.

After receiving his M.A. from the prestigious University of Chicago, and teaching at the College of Wooster, Joe Rishel began working at the Philadelphia Museum of Art as associate curator of European Painting before 1900 and the John G. Johnson collection. In 1972, Joe was promoted to curator of the Rodin Museum, as well as curator of European Painting and Sculpture Before 1900 and the John G. Johnson collection. Joe continues to serve in this capacity, overseeing the daily operations of the European collections as well as the Rodin Museum.

In addition to the day-to-day duties of running a first-rate museum, Mr. Rishel has coordinated several of the major exhibitions at the art museum, bringing some of the world's most celebrated artistic works to Philadelphia. Most recently, Joe acted as the cocurator of the sensational Cezanne retrospective, which attracted record crowds in Paris, London, and Philadelphia—over 780,000 attended the exhibit in Philadelphia. On August 22d, I was lucky enough to have Joe as my personal guide through this exhibit of over 100 paintings and 75 works on paper. Having had this unique opportunity, I am confident that all 780,000 who viewed the exhibit in Philadelphia share my sense of gratitude to Joe for bringing such a wonderful collection to America.

Joe's other successes extend beyond the confines of the museum. He is an accomplished author on art and art-history, having contributed to many museum publications as well as to the catalogue, "Great French Paintings from the Barnes Foundation," which was written in conjunction with the Barnes exhibition which traveled last year through Europe, Asia, Canada, and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, in light of Mr. Rishel's accomplishments in the art world as well as his successes in making fine art available to the people of Philadelphia, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Joe on this day.

BILL WILEY, A UNIQUE RESOURCE

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to bring to my colleagues' attention the loss of a unique resource in the State of Washington, indeed, the entire country. Dr. Bill Wiley, who has served in many capacities over the past 30 years, passed away on June 30, 1996. While he was only 54, he made many contributions to many causes and left us at too early an age.

I first met Bill Wiley in 1984 when he became director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, operated by Battelle Memorial Institute. While Battelle has many facilities in the State of Washington, at that time they did not have any in the Sixth District. Subsequently, the Marine Sciences Laboratory at Sequim became a part of the Sixth District after the reapportionment of 1990. Battelle also has facilities at Seattle and Richland, and Bill Wiley was the senior official for Battelle in the Pacific Northwest from 1984 until 1994, at which time he was named senior vice president for science and technology policy for Battelle Memorial Institute and his portfolio expanded to the world.

Bill Wiley was a tremendous resource in his community of Richland, indeed, the entire Tri-Cities area. He was a member of the Rotary, Tri-City Industrial Development Council, and chairman of the United Way Campaign. His community service was highlighted in 1989 when he was selected by his fellow community leaders as Tri-Citizen-of-the-Year.

Bill Wiley had so much enthusiasm and so much to give that his talents were sought by the entire State of Washington. Since Bill Wiley was a perfect demonstration of what educational opportunity can provide, he spent a good deal of his time on this issue. Education was a primary interest of his and, therefore, it was not surprising that he was selected to be a member of the first Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board. He also served as a member of the Board of Regents of Gonzaga University, a member of the Board of Overseers at Whitman College, and was most recently a member of the Board of Regents of Washington State University, having also served as Chairman of this Board. Additionally, he served as a member of the Washington Board of the Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement [MESA] organization which is chartered to enhance the capabilities for young students of minority populations to pursue science and engineering careers. Bill also served on the Board of the Commission for Student Learning for the State of Washington.

Bill Wiley was also a good corporate citizen. He was a member of the Board at Trustees of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, as well as a member of the Boards of Directors of the SAFECO Company, the Washington Business Roundtable, "Forward Washington," the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the Pacific Science Center. When Governor Lowry was elected in 1992, he asked Bill Wiley to serve on his advisory committee for addressing statewide issues.

Soon the Pacific Northwest region sought out this man of many talents. He became a